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GERMANY EAGER TO MAKE PEACE

Further Concessions May Be Offered, Washington Believes.

TERMS PROBABLY KNOWN

White House Credited with Understanding of Conditions Teutons Have Advanced.

Continued agitation by Germany for peace in the face of the apparently immovable opposition of the entente powers, was last night accepted in Washington as the most encouraging development in the peace situation.

Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, reiterated his declaration that Germany is earnest in her desire to end the war.

Diplomatic Washington accepted this statement as indicating that the central powers may be willing to go further in stating their definite peace aims.

Terms Now Available.

The German Embassy made it clear that a statement of the terms proposed by the central allies—in more or less definite form—is now available to the United States. Secretary Lansing declared that all questions as to this "confidential" matter were clearly improper, and declined to discuss it. It was clear, however, that Germany has submitted to the country her informal plan for allowing the United States to handle her peace terms until a similar declaration can be secured from the entente allies.

Advices to Washington from American diplomatic sources and through belligerent representatives here, were to the effect that while the entente powers are still jointly preparing a reply to the German peace advances, they will steadfastly maintain their refusal to discuss peace until Germany has made her terms clear. The formal copies of the German and Austrian replies to the President's peace note were received at the State Department today without comment. Both were laid before the President, who likewise refused to discuss them. The official text of the notes differed but little, and only in insignificant details from the published versions.

No Action at Present.

The State Department and the White House took the attitude last night that there was nothing for the United States to do toward peace until the formal reply of the entente powers to the President's note has been received.

Neutral diplomats, however, declared that the general policy of neutral indecision of the President's proposals would be continued, and that specific inducements might be officially received from the central powers. Holland, and the South American countries at any time.

Senor Calderon, the Bolivian Minister and dean of the Latin American diplomatic corps, said last night that the South American nations were to be expected jointly. A change of ministry in Bolivia has delayed action slightly, and Minister Calderon yesterday called the new Premier, Senor Sanchez, for instructions. Central American countries are expected to follow closely the action of the South American nations.

The German Embassy was emphatic in its declaration that the peace advances of the central powers were bona fide, and in denying published reports that the peace proposals were designed to forestall a serious break with the United States over the question of submarine warfare.

GERMANY TO WORK FOR FUTURE WORLD PEACE

(By the International News Service.) Berlin (via Sayville), Dec. 28.—Germany in her reply to the Swiss note takes particular pains to emphasize that as far as the safeguarding of the world's peace in the future, the Imperial government fully agrees with the view expressed by President Wilson in his recent note to the belligerents.

"In accordance with the President of the United States," says the German reply to Switzerland, "the Imperial government is of the opinion that the great work of the prevention of future wars can only be begun after the termination of the present struggle."

In emphasizing this point, the German government manifestly refers to this passage in President Wilson's note: "In the measures to be taken to secure the future peace of the world, the people and governments of the United States are as vitally and as directly interested as the governments now at war."

RUTHLESS "SUB" WAR COMING.

New York, Dec. 28.—Germany will inaugurate 1917 with a ruthless submarine warfare on all shipping, according to Admiral Karl Goetz, the self-styled former German spy who recently was arrested on charges of blackmailing Count von Bernstorff.

"The pledges given this country will be forgotten," said Goetz. He declined to say where he received his information.

DENIES HE SAW GIRL'S ANKLE.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Peter Zyla today denied that he ever saw the ankle of pretty Hazel Daulton, movie actress, and hopes to win \$5,000 by proving that he did not. Peter is asking an insurance company to pay him that amount on the ground that a movie film taken by the company on the street and purporting to show Peter gazing adoringly at Miss Daulton lifted her skirts, is a "fake," says Peter.

DYNAMITE GANG ACTIVE.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 28.—Dynamite early today wrecked the house until a few years ago occupied by Charles T. Huchison, manager of a mining and scientific journal, who for months has been the recipient of blackmail letters. The police and postal authorities declare the explosion was the work of the gang which demands that Gov. Hiram Johnson deposit \$25,000 in gold coin in a certain place under penalty of having his home blown up.

Burglar Attempts to Burn Woman's Home After An Entrance with False Key

While Mrs. L. H. Beverly was busy in the second floor of her home, 1715 Fifth street northwest, last night, an unidentified intruder opened the front door with a duplicate key and deposited a bundle of oil-soaked rags under the steps leading upstairs and applied a match and repeated the act in a cupboard. Before the fire had gotten any headway, Mrs. Beverly, on the first floor, rushed down stairs and extinguished the flames before they gained much headway. The incendiary has not been identified, as he had made his escape before the fire was discovered.

TEUTONS CHECKED

Russo-Rumanians Stemming Advance Along Sereth River.

(By the International News Service.)

Teutons and Russians are embattled in one of the most fateful battles of the war on the forty-mile front south of the Focani-Bralla line, which forms the last fortified barrier to the Teuton advance before the final onslaught on the Sereth line can be undertaken.

With the embittered stubbornness of troops trying to ward off the menace of invasion, the Muscovite forces, reinforced by fragments of the shattered Rumanian army, are selling every inch of ground at the price of blood—and in many parts have succeeded in stemming the Teuton tide.

In the vital sectors, however, the invading waves are irresistibly veering the fruits of the great "break through" that crowned the five days' battle of Rimnicu-Sarat.

The Teutons have pushed beyond that railroad and are driving to Focani-Bralla, the last Rumanian Danube port already is bathed in a steady rain of shells from the giant Skodas, Howitzers and "Buzas Berthas."

Up to yesterday 10,300 Russians were captured since the great drive against the Sereth line began.

While the Teuton center is storming forward against the line of powerful bulwarks built by Rumania for the event of a Russian invasion (between Focani and Galati, both modern fortresses), the invading right, formed by the Dobruja army and part of the Danube forces, is fighting its way forward across the Danube swamps and lakes in a northeasterly direction.

British "tank" are of great aid to the Russian west of the Danube, the Russian war office reported yesterday. Tribune is paid to the heroic conduct of a commander of one of the big motor cars who, though wounded in Tuesday's battle, led his "tank" into the fray again the following day, "driving the enemy to flight."

GRAND JURY TO PROBE LATEST RISE IN COAL

Special Federal Prosecutor Will Present Evidence in New York.

(By the International News Service.) New York, Dec. 28.—This week's unwarranted rise in the price of coal, as well as the big boost last month, will be investigated by the United States grand jury early next week. Special Federal Prosecutor Frank M. Swacker, in charge of the Federal inquiry into criminal conspiracies to increase the prices of fuel and food, said today that there is nothing in the coal situation to excuse the latest increase from \$7.75 to \$8.25 and \$8.50 a ton in New York consumers.

"We have information from the big coal mining companies," he said, "that the supply is normal for this time of year, and the wholesale price, of course, remains unchanged."

It is not unusual to have a slight shortage in production of coal in the holiday season. It happens every year. In other years, the retail price has not been raised in New York. There is no real reason for raising it now."

He also has information that the big coal speculators receive large supplies of coal from mine owners in preference to coal retailers with whom they have had contracts, thereby creating an artificial market price.

"We have also discovered that the shortage of coal in early November was merely nominal, and the excuse for raising the price to \$12 a ton in New York—shortage of labor and strikes at the mines—was not true."

FOG AND SHELL HOLES STOP SOMME DRIVE

Big Offensive Not to Be Resumed Before Spring.

(By the International News Service.) London, Dec. 28.—Fog and shell holes were chiefly responsible for stopping the Anglo-French offensive and will probably prevent its resumption until March.

This statement was made today by Maj. Gen. Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the front. No real battle has been offered on the Somme since October, said Maj. Gen. Maurice.

FIVE KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Five men were killed and six others were injured early today when the westbound Cornell local passenger train was hit by the Montreal-Toronto Express on the Canadian Pacific line at St. Polycarpe Junction, according to reports made to railway headquarters here today.

The engineers and firemen on both trains miraculously escaped death or serious injury.

1,500 "KIDDIES" AT FILM PARTY

Poor Children Enjoy Show as Guests of The Herald at Belasco Theater.

Fifteen hundred smiling and happy children made the Belasco Theater echo and reecho with shouts of applause yesterday as guests of the theater management, the William Fox Film Corporation, The Washington Herald, and the Associated Charities at a special performance for the poor "kiddies," the production being the moving picture masterpiece "A Daughter of the Gods."

The theater may have held larger audiences, but it is certain that in its history it never had a more enthusiastic one, nor one which voiced its enthusiasm so noisily.

Damp weather outside did not dampen the ardor of the little "movie" fans. They began to arrive at the Belasco Theater about an hour before the doors were thrown open.

They kept coming until 9:30, when the doors were thrown open and they docked pell-mell down the aisles and confiscated the choicest seats. The laughter and chatter could not be restrained, and on every face was reflected the enjoyment they anticipated.

S. Gaasenhelm had generously donated a number of his enclosed sightseeing cars, and when they arrived at the theater with more than 300 noisy and expectant children from the northeast section of the city, the theater was filled, and Manager J. Stoddard Taylor gave the signal to start the performance.

If there had been any plan to check the enthusiasm and the spirit of the children before the performance began, it was abandoned five minutes after the first reel was shown. The appearance of Miss Kellerman on the screen was the signal for an outburst that sounded more like the applause from the bleachers at the ball park than the more subdued approbation of the theater.

So it ran for almost two and a half hours of the play. The mystical and romantic story of "A Daughter of the Gods."

120 FLAT TENANTS JOIN "HEAT STRIKE"

Janitor Starts Argument and Tenants Hold Back Rent.

(By the Washington Herald.) New York, Dec. 28.—A row that took place between A. Paper, janitor of 1423 Wilkins avenue, the Bronx, and Mrs. A. Paper, his wife, who is a tenant, called attention today to the fact that the 120 tenants of the dwellings at 1410, 1412, 1414, and 1423 Wilkins avenue and 883 Jennings street have gone on strike, refusing to pay rent unless hot water and steam are supplied copiously and a written promise entered into that the rents will not continue to increase in inverse ratio to the heat.

The janitor was summoned to Morristown Police Court by Mrs. Fisher, who declared he bit her when she took sides with her husband in an altercation over the amount of steam heat they were getting. He was found guilty and gave a \$50 bond for his future good behavior.

At a mass meeting of the tenants Christmas night in conjunction with the Tenants' League, it was decided that the rent for the present month, amounting to \$2.00, should be placed in a bank and paid until the landlords sign an agreement to satisfy all complaints.

MYSTERIOUS NOTE IN HOTEL FIRE TRAGEDY

Police Search for "Troubles" of Nude Woman Victim.

(By the Washington Herald.) Dover, N. J., Dec. 28.—Miss Lillian C. Green, noted markswoman, whose death the authorities are investigating, did not receive the fatal burns at the Lake Denmark Hotel, where she was found. This was the theory generally accepted today after Dr. W. R. Costello of Dover, who treated the woman, had been questioned. Dr. Costello did not arrive until three hours after she was summoned. By that time Miss Green had lapsed into unconsciousness.

The physician asserted that Miss Green's body was frostbitten. It is claimed that this is conclusive proof that the woman was burned some distance from the hotel, and was carried there to die.

Another obstacle was introduced when Thomas W. Morley, owner and manager, made public a letter he had found in the dead woman's room. The letter was from a woman named Lillian C. Green, an excerpt from it read: "I sincerely hope the coming year will be the best year you have ever had, and that you will leave all your troubles behind you."

The authorities probably will endeavor to get in touch with the writer of the letter to ascertain what "troubles," if any, Miss Green was harboring.

ONLY ALLOWED ONE NAPKIN.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Like a thunderbolt a notice, written on little slips of paper, appended to the menus in a large Market street restaurant, broke the news today that the starched luncheon napkin had become a luxury.

Henceforth only the opulent can have more than one. The high cost of laundering and the terrible ravages of the omnivorous "napkin hog" are twin reasons for the new rule.

SIX KILLED IN WRECK.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—Six passengers were killed and several injured early today when the westbound Cornell local passenger train was hit by the Montreal-Toronto Express on the Canadian Pacific line at St. Polycarpe Junction, according to reports made to railway headquarters here today.

The engineers and firemen on both trains miraculously escaped death or serious injury.

Voices of Caruso, Amato And Tetrassini "Dance" Before Audience's Eyes

New York, Dec. 28.—Delegates to the Congress of Scientists today saw the voices of Caruso, Tetrassini, and Amato "dance" before their eyes on the walls of a darkened room in the university building at Columbia.

The demonstration was given by Prof. Dayton C. Miller, of the Case School of Applied Science, at Cleveland, Ohio, inventor of the phonodisc.

This apparatus eventually may save those who aspire to become grand opera or concert singers thousands of dollars, for Prof. Miller is hopeful of developing it so that it will be possible to determine whether the singing voice of any person has artistic possibilities.

Telegraph Tips

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Nine directors of The Grocers' and Butchers' Association this afternoon were indicted by the Lucas county grand jury for conspiracy in restraint of trade.

Galesburg, Pa., Dec. 28.—Daniel O'Connell, engineer, and Bert Hazlett, a dock foreman, were killed today when the crown sheet of a locomotive blew off at the plant of the Emporium Lumber Company here.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 28.—Overcome by the heat of a lighted stove Francis S. Perquin, Philadelphia, was taken to a hospital suffering from heat prostration.

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 28.—An arbitration treaty between Brazil and Uruguay was signed here today.

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—Austrian Privy Council, Rudolf Siebert, governor of the Austrian land bank, has resigned and has been succeeded by Ritter von Leth, says a dispatch from Vienna.

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—The order of Merit has been conferred on Captain Valentiner, commander of a German submarine, for sinking 12 ships, according to dispatches received here today.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 28.—David Caplan, convicted of complicity in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building in 1916, was sentenced to ten years in San Quentin today.

Flemington, N. J., Dec. 28.—John McLoughlin alias William McLoughlin was today sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor by Judge Thomas W. Trenchard, the United States District Judge of Richard J. Wyckoff last February.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Lieut. Guynemer, of the French air service, has brought down his twenty-first aeroplane, the war office announced today.

Panama, Dec. 28.—Captain Peter Evans, of the canal tug Reliance, and five members of his crew, perished when the boat was swamped near Cristobal, according to reports reaching here today.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 28.—Surrounded by his 110 descendants, John Ernest Bach celebrated his 102nd birthday here today. Bach is an arch foe of prohibition.

London, Dec. 28.—Rumanian oil fields valued at \$100,000,000 were destroyed by a British military mission before the German invasion. It was announced by W. W. Rutherford, a member of Parliament, at a meeting of the Rumanian Consolidated Oil Fields Company here today.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The friendly spirit in which President Wilson made his peace initiative to the belligerent countries was emphasized by Thomas Nelson Page, the American Ambassador, in an interview with Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, on Wednesday.

London, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Paris says that the Bank of France probably will be appointed agent in France for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

New York, Dec. 28.—Twenty-five million dollars in gold came to the J. P. Morgan Company today from Canada.

Berne, Dec. 28.—An avalanche has swept away a number of houses near Simplan Pass and killed two men. A snow slide is threatening the village of Champéry with destruction.

Paris, Dec. 28.—Demobilization of the Greek army in compliance with the demands of the allies, is taking place rapidly, says a dispatch from Athens today.

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 28.—Miss Ada H. Burkett, 35, pretty and divorced, and Frank B. Hill, both of Lancaster, have taken a divorce. Miss Burkett divorced her first husband last May.

London, Dec. 28.—Former Premier Asquith has issued a statement denying that his daughter, Elizabeth, is engaged to be married.

TWO SHOT FOR TWO CENTS.

New York, Dec. 28.—Except the fact that two men were shot, all the police had learned today of a Harlem card game was that it was worth 2 cents. Nicola Polara, 54, was shot in the abdomen and died in the Metropolitan Hospital on Blackwell's Island. Augustine Bordona, 37, is in the hospital with a bullet wound in his lung, and is expected to die.

BUT HE FIRED HER!

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Capt. Joseph R. De Lamar, answering a \$15,000 suit by Katherine O'Byrne, who says she was employed for life as his assistant housekeeper, told the Supreme Court yesterday that the plaintiff bullied his servants and was a woman's clothing without permission.

Katherine O'Byrne says she was engaged, for so long as her life should last, as assistant housekeeper.

MRS. W. E. COREY ILL.

New York, Dec. 28.—Mrs. William E. Corey, wife of the former president of the United States Steel Corporation, arrived here today on the French liner Rochambeau, the victim of a mysterious malady, which seized her shortly after the liner left Bordeaux.

Mrs. Corey, who was Mabelle Gilman, an actress, has been nursing French soldiers at her French chateau.

STARVATION GROWS COMMON.

London, Dec. 28.—Death from starvation is becoming common in Germany, says a dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Paris.

It quotes a traveler, who recently returned from Germany, to the effect that the food shortage has reached the climax of its seriousness. This traveler declared that he saw many persons in Germany fall to the street from sheer exhaustion, due to the lack of food.

CANAL SLIDES CEASE.

The slides in Culebra Cut in the Panama Canal have practically been overcome, according to information made public by the Panama Canal Board yesterday. It is announced that the channel in the cut now has a minimum depth of thirty-three feet, enabling the largest merchantmen to pass through.

ARREDONDO WILL REMAIN AT POST

Ambassador-Designate Denies Reports of His Recall by First Chief.

Carranza's answer to the request of the United States for his signature to the protocol arranged by the Joint International Commission, is in the hands of Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane, chairman of the American section of the commission. Its contents were not made public last night.

The Spanish text has been translated and the reply of the first chief is unsatisfactory in that it is inconclusive. Comment on the reply as known to Secretary Lane was withheld on the ground that he desired to study its contents closely and not risk discussing its terms upon unadvised judgment.

There will be another session of the Joint Commission. The date has not been set for this final gathering.

The Carranza answer was delivered to Secretary Lane today by Senor Luis Cabrera, secretary of finance of Mexico, and chairman of the Mexican section of the Joint Commission.

The only other persons in Washington who were given a glimpse of the document were Eliseo Arredondo and his publicity adviser. These two gentlemen held an extended conference in the embassy this morning. For more than two hours they were closeted. Then the ambassador designate uttered his denial that he had been recalled or would be withdrawn from his present official position.

In diplomatic circles it was stated that the rejection of the protocol is based upon three objections.

First, the admission by implication that United States troops have a right to cross the border at any time in pursuit of marauding bandits while this right is withheld from soldiers of the de facto government.

Second, failure to adhere to the principle of non-interference under which the international differences were to have been adjusted; and

Third, the unsatisfactory arrangements for the withdrawal of the Pershing force.

BOYS TURNED THUGS TO LEAD CAFE LIFE

Youthful Prisoners Admit Long Career of Crime.

(By the Washington Herald.) New York, Dec. 28.—The police of Brooklyn are frankly puzzled by the stories which they say, two boys have told of repeated burglaries, robberies, and in one case, the slaying of a man who resisted them when they attempted to rob him in the street.

One, John Harold Cantwell, Jr., 23 years old, says his father is chief clerk of the Municipal Court, Brooklyn, and a Democratic politician of importance in his district. The other describes himself as Frank Kelly, and the son of an employee of the highways department.

According to their stories, the boys desired pleasures that kept them up late at night, such as drinks, expensive dinners and taxicab rides.

It was their father, they said, that caused them to supply themselves with revolvers and blackjacks with which, Mr. Conway says they told him, they held up many persons, obtaining loot enough to enable them to treat and live a life of pleasure without having to work.

Nearly twenty hold-ups were committed in the district in a short time, sometimes as many as four taking place in a week.

"ANGEL-FACED" YOUTH WAS BURGLAR'S PUPIL

"Charlie, the Cherub," Claims to Be Modern Fagin.

(By the Washington Herald.) New York, Dec. 28.—"Charlie, the Cherub," who claims the discredit of having taught Raymond Beck, the "Angel-Faced Boy," to be a thief, will be taken on another ride today to show Brooklyn detectives more of the homes he says he robbed. Charlie, whose name is Charles Ortnier, is 18, but boasts he has committed 200 or more burglaries in two years, obtaining a total of \$30,000 in loot. Often he wears evening clothes to rob.

The amazing skill of Ortnier was shown to detectives when he opened a Yale lock with his finger-nail. Capt. Carey said Ortnier performed this trick in view of a half dozen detectives, while not permitting his audience to see how it was done. The lock was supplied by the police.

When Ortnier told of being the instructor of Raymond Beck, the "Angel-Faced Boy," who was sentenced to serve ten years in Sing Sing in December, 1915, it was pointed out that Beck is a year older than he and might have been the instructor. Ortnier sneeringly retorted: "Nothing doing. I taught him all he knows. I worked with him on that last job, but they got him, not me, that time."

The police say they have a diary in which the youth has marked off thirty-five addresses, all having been robbed during two months.

When one of the young women told Magistrate Collins that Modoc had treated a 10-year-old girl in this fashion, the prisoner's bail was jumped from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

VIRGINIA MAN WOUNDED.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Lieut. Bynum, who is serving overseas with the Canadian Mounted Rifles and whose home is in Richmond, Va., is reported wounded in the overnight casualty list.

DENY PERSONAL GOD.

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—Prof. Leuba, a well known psychologist of Bryn Mawr College, has advocated by a canvass of 5,000 American scientists that the greater part of them deny both a personal God and the immortality of the human soul.

High Cost of Illness Jumps in Boston as Doctors Raise Prices

Boston, Dec. 28.—The high cost of being sick is going to strike Boston with the new year. After January 1 the medical fraternity plans to boost prices, and it will cost \$2 instead of \$1 just to drop in on a physician and have him feel a patient's pulse.

The medical men are also to make it more expensive to be sick at night than by day. This is the new schedule of house calls: Between 8 a. m. and 5 p. m., \$1; between 5 p. m. and 8 p. m., \$1; between 8 p. m. and 5 a. m., \$2.

What it will cost to die has not been figured out.

MAY TAX 'HI COST'

Administration Considers Levy on Cold Storage Men.

A tax on the "high cost of living," as a means of refilling the depleted coffers of the Federal Treasury is now under consideration by Secretary McAdoo and Treasury Department officials seeking new sources of revenue. The proposal would provide a graduated tax on articles of food in cold storage warehouses throughout the country, and was hailed by administration leaders in and out of Congress as a new means of taxation which would raise revenue without arousing popular disapproval.

The suggestion will be informally laid before Congress soon after the holiday season. This outflow of \$25,000,000 in deficit during the next fiscal year has aroused considerable anxiety among administration leaders.

So the Treasury experts have turned to the cost of the length of the food products. Various government investigations of high food prices have developed charges that the "cornering" of food products in cold storage has had much to do with raising prices.

Revenue experts believe that such a tax as is proposed would prove remedial and at the same time help out the Treasury.

They propose to place a graduated tax, based on the length of the food products, have been stored, on all food products, meats, butter, eggs, vegetables, poultry and similar products. The tax would not be charged until the product had been in cold storage for a specified period, and would increase with the length of storage, and with the quantity of the product stored.

FEAR FELT FOR SAFETY OF SIX OCEAN VESSELS

Five British and One Belgian Ship May Be Lost.

(By the International News Service.) New York, Dec. 28.—Five British and one Belgian freight steamships are long overdue. Not a word has been heard from any of them. Yet all left their ports with wireless equipment.

It is feared that they have fallen victims to the mysterious German raiders of which the British admiralty has sent warnings.

Not one of them is less than ten days overdue. The last raider is reported to be the mysterious missing Lamport and Holt liner, Voltare. The shipping lists today showed the overdue steamers to be the following: George, White Star liner which left Philadelphia on December 3 for Liverpool; Bayruth, bound from Cardiff for Montreal, left the West port on November 28; Baron Bayens, Belgian, which left Barry, December 5 for New York; Belgavia, which left London on November 25 for Southampton on November 26 for Halifax.

To this list must be added the Voltare. But shipping men today figured that the Voltare may be carrying the crews of the other five missing ships and that those five may be resting on the bottom of the Atlantic.

FIVE GIRLS ACCUSE MAN AS "JACK THE HUGGER"

So George Modoc Is Held Under \$2,000 Bail.

(By the Washington Herald.) Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—George Modoc, 25, believed to be the mysterious "Jack the Hugger," who terrified girls of the northwestern section so they wouldn't go out at night recently, was held under \$2,000 bail for court by Magistrate Collins today after facing five of his alleged victims.

Modoc is a well-dressed young man of good appearance, and he loudly protested his innocence. He had only been in the city two months, the prisoner said, and was a married man. But five girls still burning with the memory of merciless bear hugs, said they positively identified Modoc as the man who gave them.